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Subject: Freedom Convoy Inquiry / Update

Hi David and Andrew,

I am reaching out in connection with the Freedom Convoy situation in Canada and the previously discussed Canadian Restraint Order which prohibits all persons from “disposing of, or otherwise dealing with, in any manner whatsoever” the donations made through certain fundraising campaigns hosted on GiveSendGo, until the court issues a new order to dispose of the funds.

First, we have been in correspondence with the Ontario Crown Law Office to ensure our compliance with the Restraint Order. Yesterday, the leading Crown counsel (Melissa Adams) told our external counsel that she has been trying to reach MC in connection with the Restraint Order and asked if Stripe would be willing to share the contact information for our point-of-contact at MC. We have not yet provided such information to the Crown (and do not plan to unless you would like us to), but wanted to flag this request to you regardless.

Secondly, we wanted to generally inquire on whether MasterCard typically disables chargebacks in order to comply with government instructions like the Restraint Order or sanctions lists. As you may know, Stripe’s technology does not allow us to disable chargebacks from our end as they are controlled by card networks and issuing banks. However, we do encounter situations like the Freedom Convoy, where we are instructed by a government entity to freeze all funds flows with respect to certain accounts, including chargebacks. Any information on how MC typically handle such requests would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
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